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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(c) but before the payment of the issue fee for the above-identified application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p) is attached hereto.

The required statements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) will be made separately for the documents listed in the "U.S. Patent Documents" portion of the attached PTO-1449 and the documents listed in the "Foreign Patent Documents" portion of the attached PTO-1449, as follows.

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Each of the Japanese documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 was first cited in a Japanese Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on December 12, 2005 in a counterpart foreign application. Hence, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and recollection, each item of information listed in the "Foreign Patent Documents" portion of the attached PTO-1449 of this IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. A copy of the Japanese Office Action dated December 12, 2005 is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. Also attached for the Examiner's consideration are copies of five additional Japanese Office Actions dated December 12, 2005 from other counterpart applications that also cite to the Japanese documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. English-language translations of all six of these Japanese Office Actions are attached for the Examiner's consideration.

As for relevance of the foreign language documents, English-language abstracts are attached hereto for each of the foreign language documents. In addition, the relevance of these foreign language documents can be understood from their citations in the above-discussed Japanese Office Actions dated December 12, 2005, as also attached hereto. Also, Applicants note that the listed JP 11-126459 document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,556,234 which was cited in a U.S. Office Action dated June 1, 2005 in the instant application.

While the Japanese Office Actions additionally cite to U.S. Patent No. 4,967,286, it is not listed on the attached PTO-1449 because it was cited in a U.S. Office Action dated April 4, 2003 in the instant application.

Copies of the listed non-U.S. documents are attached.

As to the documents listed in the "U.S. Patent Documents" portion of the attached PTO-1449, each of these documents were cited by the USPTO in Office Actions dated November 1, 2005 that issued in U.S. patent application nos. 11/101,407 and 11/101,558. Each of these two applications are continuation applications that claim priority to the instant "parent" application no. 09/817,895. No item of information contained in the "U.S. Patent Documents" portion of the attached PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and recollection, no item of information contained in the "U.S. Patent Documents" portion of the attached PTO-1449 was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all of the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO-1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art". If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under the United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

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Respectfully submitted,

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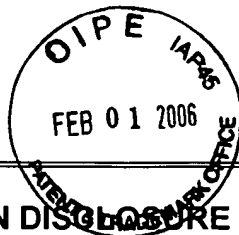
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